

HARANGUE

by Ronald Duane Sasten

Only 26 action-packed days to a completely new horrendous quarter. What ever happened to October's honor roll intentions?

I'm still worrying about the onrushing holiday season. Everywhere there are gay multi-colored reminders that in a relatively few days the jolly 1958 Yuletide will be upon us in all is plump-puddinged glory.

Gigantic cardboard candy canes, tin-foil wreaths of holly and carefully retouched portraits of an incredibly happy old man named Santa festoon every hamlet between here and the Seven Cities of Cibola.

The ever-present radio (a year-around tragedy of modern society) gurgle out unctuous doses of Xmas Reminders (e.g. "For a gift she'll always remember, get your Dear Old Mom a sturdy aluminum-plated fold-away pool table at . . .") sandwiched between and often bleeding out great Christmas type musical works of art like "Is That Mistletoe in Your Hair, My Dear?" and "Santa's Bop."

To what avail?

It seems to me you all this tinkling focus on Dec. 24-25 is just a mass gesture of good will (An intangible substance seldom associated with money) from the merchant mob, you laugh long and loud, Christmas has come to the point where it really is "Yuletide," a pagan fest.

Wherever has the whole significance of the holiday gone off to?

It's really too bad Christianity hasn't incorporated more aspects of the old Norse and Greek-Roman religions. For instance, if we enlightened moderns had a polytheistic spiritual outlook, we could have a whole year lumpy with religious Christmashike holidays, each with tinsel and scrappy decorated trees and special sales and name-the-reindeer contests.

If—goodness forbid—it ever got out hand, a special session of Congress could take over the whole affair, listed intently to the mercantile lobby, the pietist lobby, and the GOP lobby, all allocate a special calendar date to each festive occasion.

However, we happy healthy Occidentals will probably stay monotheistic—unless some sharp salesman finds a way to peddle Zeus and Thor.

So—what to do? Why don't we restrict Dec. 24-25 to purely religious activity (introspection and worship) and let all the fraternal gift-giving and madcap gift-exchanging take place on New Year's Eve or New Year's Day?

I personally believe everyone would be willing to do this—if only I had the high-powered convincing talents of Walter Winchell and Zack Mosley.

Extension Service to Sponsor Professional Writing Workshop

A writing workshop designed for those who want to enter the field of professional writing has been scheduled January 8 and 15 for Salt Lake City and Provo.

The workshop is sponsored by the Department of English and the College of Humanities and the Social Sciences, and the Adult Education and Extension Services at Brigham Young University, in cooperation with the Utah State Poetry Society and the Local 1000 UAW Writers.

The first section is scheduled for Salt Lake City Jan. 8 through Jan. 12. It will be taught in the French Society room at the East Provo Stake House, 85 S. 9th East in Provo.

THE COURSE will cover essentials for the writer such as basic approaches, organization,

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Home at Yule...

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by Anthony L. Bentley
Instructor in Religion

At this season each of us feels the desire swelling within to be home for Christmas. Unless one is already so fortunate as to be at home, the desire to start to come in our emotions begins soon as we are back to normal after Thanksgiving.

It prompts us to confer with prospective riding companions, to consider the best arrangement for the earliest possible departure. As such planning becomes more than just a possibility, the joy of anticipation mounts.

A TUMULT OF memories and wishes for the future pour into our attention. We hope that this Yuletide will be the best ever.

Possested with an air of well-being, we are surprised at our power to ignore the problems of human reviews, earnest letters, papers and days of waiting. Or, fancifully, we brush them aside as unimportant compared to our day-dreaming.

But with each event, we feel almost shocked if an equally human fellow student says that he will not have the pleasure of "ahemming" for Christmas.

It is this fact that another's only thrill and warmth of spirit during the holidays will be to watch icicles form outside his storm window, might make one philosophical about the whole affair.

But each can recall years when his happy anticipation has not been fulfilled. Like a bubble, it has burst because Christmas has been quite rediscovered nor kept in the remembered spirit.

Then have come the queries about what really matters and makes December 25th significant. Is it the birth of Jesus? Is it the universal value for which we should be seeking? Is it only at home that one can be happy—or could it depend on his being abne for the Spirit of Christmas?

GOOD DR. RODRICK for 4,000 years to create in the minds of the Hebrew race a dwelling place for the God of Israel. In the end, it was the world; Jesus Christ. But only a small percentage of Israel caught the realistic meaning of the Messianic Hope.

Small wonder that even since

that starry night in Bethlehem God's children have had but scanty room for the Babe and His message.

The night's angelic herald and star were soon forgotten; even though God had placed His beloved Son for salvation on the world's doorstep and had hung a Service Star in the window of His Mansion.

ONLY A FEW found that they could make "room in the inn" for the love that would save them.

Small as that number has been down through the centuries, God is glorified whenever the adventure of His Grace is experienced. And when He is His children, becoming abne for the attitudes personified in Jesus.

THE HEIGHT of hospitality is to Jesus and Spirit of Christmas is

Campus Quickies...

Frosh Class Candidates Pixs Ready

All candidates for freshman class offices who have not picked up their photographs from the Elections Committee are reminded.

By Max Pitcher, chairman, Elections Committee office, basement of Clark Student Service Center until the end of the quarter. Those not picked up by that time will be dredged, Pitcher said.

STANDS WANTED

All poster stands belonging to the Central Dance Committee must be scheduled with Afton Jenkins, Room 451, before their use for advertising, according to the committee.

Any organization using these stands without scheduling them will be fined \$1 for each day they are used.

DIXIE PHOTOS SET
Dixie Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in BYU Photo Studio, 276 Eyring Science Center, for Banyan picture.

to put spontaneous love, service into our lives. It is felt as we unite in cult lights such as games, B

and cards of many kinds and denote of the Nativity, perpetuating the family which have given joy and of reverent togetherness.

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wine, sharing as po "unto all men."

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Such love does not easily, it is not a cloj diction, but rather chain-reacting response ability to feel God's gre and to return it toward o others.

IT ENABLES even the dient resident to overcome plight by being host to f promised by Jesus in "I t the door any knock." creative power of His f whatever the situation, when one sees the rich love in Jesus' life and t the goodness and purity care God extends to each children, and the priva symbolizing it all in the festival that he becomes for Christmas' Spirit wh goes shamming or not.

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Elder S. Dilworth Young from the First Council of Seventy is scheduled to be the guest speaker and his topic will be "Marriage and Importance of Priesthood in the Home."

A solo by Kay Stanfield and several quartet numbers will be the entertainment. Quartet members are Marci Black, Sherry Hart, Gwen Jensen, and Cherry Rutledge.

Special guests invited are the alumni of ToKalon and Val Norn and O. S. Trevata social unit members.

Ann Brown was in charge of arrangements for the evening with Jan Fowles taking care of invitations; Pei Groschell and Carol Johnson, decorations; Dina Wiffen, scheduling; Arlene Larsen, publicity; and Deanna McBride, welcoming committee.

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Christmas Greetings

Saxon-Fidelas Hold Exchange

"Winter Carnival" has been selected as the theme for the Saxon-Fidelas exchange to be held Saturday.

Weather permitting, an afternoon of skiing and tobogganing has been arranged for Timp Haven starting at 1 p.m.

In the evening the party will move to the Provo Boat House for dancing and ice skating. This portion of the activities will begin at 8:30 p.m.

Decorations will be done in winter style with ski silhouettes, a toboggan run plus a snow fall effect of white snow drifts.

Music for the intermission entertainment will be provided by a Saxon quartet. A combo of prove musicians will provide dancing music.

Committee heads for the party are Paul Harris, Marilyn Miller, Ralph Huddleston, Sherry Hickman, Bob Allison, and Diane Reed.



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 Boston College 72, Holy Cross 63
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 Virginia Tech 85, Virginia 73
 Louisiana 79, Birmingham 80 72
 Georgia 74, Florida 59 55
 Maryland 85, San Mexico A&M 51
 Colorado Coll. 4, St. Joseph's (N.Y.) 45
 Bakerfield JC 32, Taft 20 22
 Los Angeles JC 75, San Fernando JC 64
 San Jose JC 64, Fresno JC 57
 San Francisco JC 64, Long Beach Harbor
 Seattle 65, San Francisco 58

Weekend
 Utah 75-68, Oregon 41-35
 Portland 68, Oregon State 65
 Idaho 72, Washington State 56
 Tennessee 80, Wyoming 69
 California 75, Stanford 43
 Colorado St. 74, Idaho 67
 Michigan 75, Wisconsin 79
 Tulsa 79, Arizona 58 (Tempe) 71
 Penn 71, Bell 62, Rockford 53
 Loyola 76, Bell 62, Rockford 53
 Kansas State 82, Indiana 79
 Penn State 75, Oklahoma City 58
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Gary Earnest	3	7	9	6	9	20	6.7
Russ Peterson	3	4	4	2	5	10	3.3
Sherrell Berrett	1	1	0	0	0	2	2.0
Jim Spencer	1	0	3	0	0	2	2.0
Vivay Eaton	3	1	0	0	0	2	0.7
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Sports Desk

by Howard Hill

Coach Stan Watts will take his BYU basketball to Buffalo, New York Dec. 27 to participate in the Quaker Invitational Tournament with Canisius, Dartmouth and Hall.

However, before the Cougars can even start think about the Eastern tourney, they must first concentrate five straight home court appearances.

After losing two out of three encounters in North competition last week, BYU will open at home Friday against another Northwest five, Washington State.

The Washington Cougars, who also sport the nickname Cougars, finished last in the PCC last season and are expected to climb much higher this year. However they did a strong punch Saturday night as they defeated Gonzaga.

On Dec. 15 BYU will host the Big Eight conferenceites, Kansas State, who heat tough Indiana Saturday 82-79. Leading the Big Eight champ is Bob Boozer, who State's top scorer last season.

Then on Dec. 19 and Santa Clara will invade the Fieldhouse. The Broncos finished third in the California Hall Association last year and have two top notch notches turning in Frank Serrano and Jim Taylor. Last week the Broncos dumped UCLA 56-42.

GAELOS ROUGH

St. Mary's, who placed second in the CBA last season to the Cougars Dec. 22. The powerful west coast is expected to dethrone the University of San Francisco in the CBA. One of the reasons the Gaels are favored, is to the fact they have all five starters returning from last year. To add to this, three of the veterans, Dick Sigal, Dodd, and Joe Barry, had scoring averages in double figures. Matter of fact, Dick Sigal, who was the top per game trio, is considered an All-American candidate. A season ago the Gaels had the best freshman crop in their history. Heading the list of sophomores Tom Mescery, who was an outstanding San Francisco star. Two other sophomores who should break into the line-up are Al Clairone, 6-8, and Joe Gardere, 6-6. The downed Stanford 63-45 Saturday.

In an effort to solve the problem of foulng, the CBA State and Colorado Miner jockey basketball teams have been forced to change last seasons. Everytime a player committed a foul he had to leave the game and spend minutes in the penalty box, and the opposition got out-of-bounds. With the number of fouls committed in half today this could turn basketball into a four man game.

Speaking of Ice Hockey, four BYU students, all Canada, are playing for the semi-professional ice team in Salt Lake City. They are Dick Fournier, Earl L. Bill Green, and Wally Hamilton. The "Canes," as they are called, play in the Canadian and have traveled to the Inter-Mountain States on week-ends. They do a good style too, as this season the club purchased a Friday the team will travel to Butte, Montana where expect to play before a full house.

Mathias Sees 'Red' Conquest

New York (UPI) Two-time official champion explained, "Olympic champion Bob Mathias warned American athletes that it would take a super-human effort to prevent Russia from scoring an overwhelming victory in the 1960 games at Rome."

The United States probably will win the track and field championship, he analyzed. This is because the Americans are so fast in sprints and middle distance runs while European countries battle the Russians in the distances.

"But when you throw in all the other events, the Russians are training so many athletes in the minor sports that they figure to hand the rest of the world a bad beating for the overall un-

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Contest, previously an-

Wrestlers Eye Mat Season

John Wright

Daily Universe Sports Writer

wrestling practice gets today an invitation from Coach Allen Davis interested to come in for the first official

turnout of potential

talents is expected to greet

the boys who plan to get

work in preparation

opening meet January

20 at Mesa College.

back from last year's

which finished third in

league, are four junior

including Larry Dear

Dewy at 130, Kent

137, and Phil

140. Classmate

which finished second in

league last year in their

weights and are an

great season.

Davis predicts a better

season this year than

sophomores Jerry Mc-

Reeves, Rod Lester, 137,

and others 167 should

material to prove him

with Kent Horne, an

heavyweight and

a junior college

167.

Graduation are Dave

who was number one

conference in the

167. Ted Willett second

conference in the 167.

Gary Cooper is

temporarily as he is

on the mission field,

John will prove to be

one of the eight pos-

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Yule Festivities Celebrated At Different Dates

by Dave Blackstone
Universe Feature Writer

The manner of how people enjoy Christmas, really unique in its world-wide traditions, brings out the story of Christ's birth in an entirely different way.

The worship of the Christ child along with the giving of gifts, carol singing and preparation of holiday foods in many lands throughout the globe point out the appeal to young and old alike.

Here in America—when we think of Christmas—Dec. 25 immediately comes to our minds. In some European countries, holiday festivities begin as early as Dec. 6. Christmas in Egypt is nationally celebrated on Jan. 7.

EGYPTIAN FIREWORKS

When we think of fireworks, it is associated with the Fourth of July. Egyptian people also think of Christmas according to Shukri Estassi, a Brigham Young University student from Cairo. Easter, rather than Christmas, is stressed more at home, explained Shukri.

In Germany, usually the family celebrates Christmas at home, says Heinrich Fritzen, from Germany's western area. Each member of the family group has a part in a family program.

One of the family may recite a poem or render a musical number. The other family members around the piano to enjoy carol singing, while the mother accompanies them.

Heinrich Fritzen explained that more emphasis is placed on Christmas Eve. A two-day celebration is enjoyed, with the main gift exchange is placed on Dec. 25 and 26. Lithe candles adorn the tree.

HUNGARIAN SANTA

Mikulas, or Santa Claus, comes to Hungarian children on Dec. 6, according to Kathi Szermi, who is studying here at BYU. The jolly gentleness places special importance on nuts and fruits in their shoes.

Wouldn't it be just like some of these boys and girls to borrow their father's shoes, so they could enjoy more of these treats?

Two or three families get together in Japan to enjoy Christmas festivity, says Toshio Oishi, of Tokyo. A whole roasted, hallowed turkey, is served—seasoned with soy bean sauce and sweet paste. A special cake called Mochi is enjoyed with fruit as a side-dish.

JAPANESE YULE SIMILAR

Worshipping of the Christ child among Japanese Christians is similar to the services celebrated here in the United States, Toshio Oishi said.

The most traditional part of Christmas in Guatemala, according to Adan Raul Rodriguez, is the place of the Nativity Scene among its people. Special religious services are held in the churches there.

Guatemalans design and build their own scenes depicting the birth of the Christ child to place in their yards.

The same as in West Germany, Norwegian people traditionally celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25 and 26, according to Helene and Anja Hovland, both here at BYU.

CHRISTMAS FEAST

At home lutefisk, or cod fish, is part of their holiday meal. Ukrainian carolers take place throughout the country. Old favorites known the world over are sung.

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